GOVERNMENT BILL

The Mizoram University (Amendment) Bill, 2007

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Mizoram University Act, 2000.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Successful Launch of Insat-4B Satellite

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): Sir, I am happy to inform this august House that India's newest satellite, INSAT-4B, was successfully launched early this morning (March 12, 2007) by the European Ariane-5 launch vehicle from Kourou, French Guyana. The 3035 kg INSAT-4B, carrying 12 high-power Ku-band transponders and 12 C-band transponders, will augment INSAT capacity for Direct-to-Home television and other communications and TV services.

The Master Control Facility at Hassan in Karnataka acquired the signals from INSAT-4B soon after it entered into orbit and initial checks have indicated normal health of the satellite. The ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command (ISTRAC) Network Station at Biak in Indonesia and INMARSAT Ground Stations are also supporting the initial phase operations on the satellite. INSAT-4B is being manoeuvred to its final geostationary orbit, about 36,000 km above the Equator. INSAT-4B will be commissioned into service in about a month's time after in-orbit tests.

I would request hon. Members to join me in congratulating Chairman, ISRO, and all members of the ISRO team and wishing them success.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Message from Lok Sabha.

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA(Rajasthan): Sir, I had given notice for clarification.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, we did not receive any notice..

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, | have given my name, I should be allowed to seek clarification. There is a point on which I want to seek clarification.... *(Interruptions)...* There is a system. Why are you disturbing the system? *...(Interruptions)...* Then, you announce that there is no clarification today. I want to congratulate also.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. There is a message from Lok Sabha.

MESSAGES FROM LOK SABHA

(i) The Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 2007.

(ii) The Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2007.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (Railways) Vote on Account Bill, 2007, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 9th March, 2007."

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 110 of the Constitution of India.

(II)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Appropriation (Railways) Bill, 2007, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 9th March, 2007.

The Speaker has certified that this Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of Article 110 of the Constitution."

Sir, I lay a copy each of the Bills on the Table.